



Offshore Renewables and the California Fishing Industry

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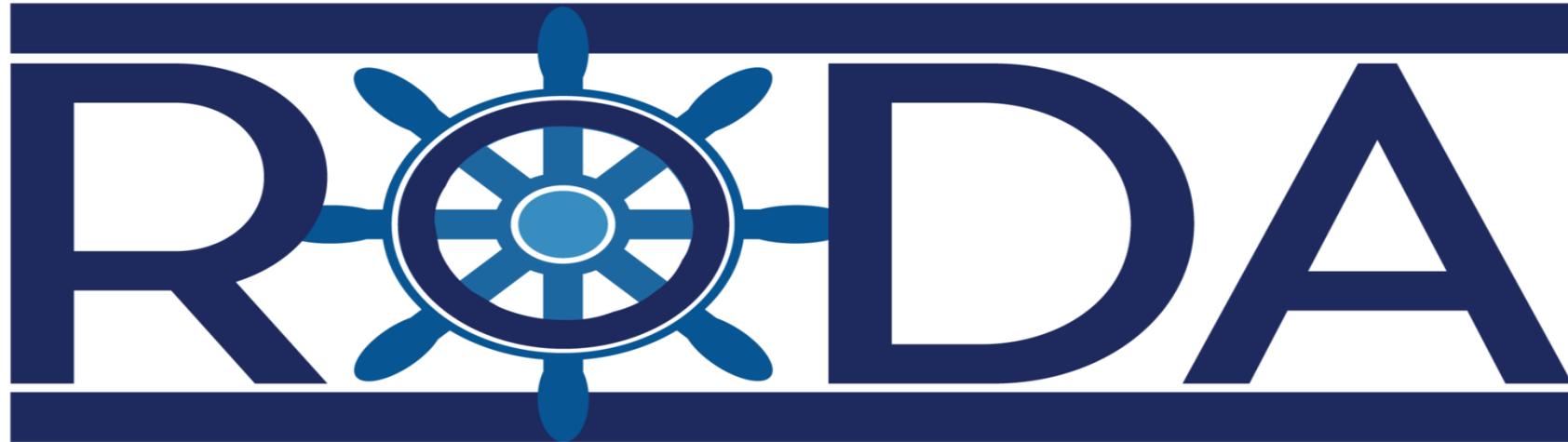
PRE-SEPTEMBER 2019

- Lack of widespread knowledge
- Lack of coordination amongst fishing interests and fishing communities
- Inability of Governmental Agencies/Potential Developers to communicate with ALL interested fishing interests and fishing communities

POST SEPTEMBER 2019

- Growing awareness of offshore renewable activities off California and Oregon
- Northern Committee meeting and sit down with Annie Hawkins (ED of RODA)
- Critical mass of fishermen and industry groups supported asking RODA to establish a Pacific presence

RESPONSIBLE OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (RODA)



- “We are a broad membership-based coalition of fishing industry associations and fishing companies committed to improving the compatibility of new offshore development with their businesses.” See - <https://rodafisheries.org/>
- RODA-Pacific Members span from Alaska to San Diego.



CAN FISHERIES AND OFFSHORE RENEWABLES COEXIST?

- Inclusion and transparency
- Trust and partnerships
- Communication and honesty
- Community awareness and understanding
- Prioritize and Maximize Win/Win opportunities
- Mitigation measures – limited only by a lack of imagination

THANK YOU!

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